international oil market would be passed on in the domestic prices of petrol and diesel, the issue of devising an appropriate mechanism to contain the impact of the excessive volatility in the international oil markets on the domestic prices of the petrol and diesel is under the consideration of the Government.

Production of Petrex

†2474. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given permission to use a liquid called green petrol (Petrex) in the vehicles as fuel;

(b) whether it is suitable for vehicles; and

(c) the details with regard to its production and distribution systems?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) In view of (a) above, questions do not arise.

Valuation of companies

2475. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that he has sought to justify the amount paid by IOC for the purchase of shares of IBP by taking into account the replacement cost of retail outlets of IBP;

(b) if so, whether Government are doing the valuation of companies in the oil and other sectors as well as on replacement cost basis;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) After considering all aspects, Government decided to accept the highest bid of IOC for sale of 33.58 per cent of equity of IBP.

(b) to (d) The valuation of the shares of IBP was done by the Advisor to the Government of India under the following generally accepted methods, namely, Discounted Cash Flow Method, Asset Valuation Method, Balance Sheet Method and Transaction Multiple Method. After considering the valuation under the above methods and taking all other relevant factors into account, Government decided to adopt the reserve price for IBP shares based on the Discounted Cash Flow Methodology. Same methodology is being followed in the case of valuation of shares of PSUs as and when they are taken up for disinvestment.

Dividend from ONGC

2476. SHRI V. V. RAGHAVAN:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have approached Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) to fork out Rs. 10,000 crores from its reserves as dividend payment for the equity held by Government in ONGC;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) what is ONGC's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of the reply to part (a) above.